Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I note from the answer that the reconstruction of temples are being given on contract to people who are not Caste-Hindus. Will it not wound the feelings of Sanatanists? *(Laughter).*

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know whether the two temples, Kollannur and Irattachira, are managed by the Devaswam Department?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I want notice.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know where this Irattachira temple is situated? Is it the one situated in the compound of the Police Commissioner's Office?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

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108. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the amount expended by the Government for purchase of photographic materials and chemicals, for taking photos, etc., of places and objects of archaeological interest through the Archaeological Department in 1114;

(*b*) whether vouchers are kept in the Office of the Government Archaeologist for each item of expenditure; the names of the Photographer's firm or company from whom vouchers are obtained;

(*c*) whether the Office of the Government Archaeologist has been at any time audited by the Accounts Department in respect of the accounts of 1114; if so, whether the vouchers referred to in (*b*) have been verified with reference to the articles alleged to have been purchased as evidenced by such vouchers;

(*d*) whether the Government Archaeologist is keeping a register of photographs he is either purchasing or causing to be produced?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Rs. 20.

(*b*) No. Messrs. Jos Brothers, Trichur.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

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Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Sir, it is very surprising that vouchers are not kept in the Office of the Government Archæologist for each item of expenditure.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Account Rules require that either they should be in my charge here or if they are above Rs. 20, with the Comptroller of Accounts.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: This is only a sum of Rs. 20 and the answer is that no voucher is kept in the office. How did it happen?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: It will not be there. When the bills are sent for counter-signature, they will be cancelled and kept in the Secretariat. If they are for Rs. 20 and above they will be sent to the Comptroller's Office.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: As a matter of fact, are there vouchers for this amount?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: May I know, Sir, whether Messrs. Jos Brothers, Trichur, happen to be related to the Government Archœologist? *(Laughter)*.

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: Not to my knowledge.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: May I know, Sir, whether these vouchers were scrutinised with reference to the photographic materials which were purchased by the Archæologist?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts)*: That is never done. In audit, vouchers are never verified with reference to the particular purchase mentioned there. If there is any exhorbitant rate which any lay man can see, then that fact will be taken to the notice of the officer who drew the money and after that, action will be pursued, if necessary. Vouchers are never audited with reference to the stock.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: May I know, Sir, whether the voucher to evidence this expenditure of Rs. 20 was a single one or more than one?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: I want notice.

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